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REPORT

TOPIC Unoccupied Airfields in East Germany

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REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED

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1. Mahlwinkel airfield. On 16 September 1954, the airfield remained unoccupied. The ground here is not hard enough for aircraft operations. a Soviet commission had inspected the field between 6 and 11 September.¹

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2. Perleberg airfield. an air force commission had inspected the airfield on 3 September and henceforth, it will be forbidden to graze cattle and sheep here. Informant said however, that after some persuasion, a strip, about 40 meters wide, along the northern edge of the landing field was to be released for grazing. It could not be determined as to why the landing field was to be blocked. As of 13 September, no construction material had arrived at the field nor had a construction order been placed.²

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3. Reinsdorf airfield. Between 14 August and 7 September, the field remained unoccupied and unguarded. There were no indications of an intended occupation observed.³

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4. Weimar-Nobra airfield. On 3 September, no aircraft were parked at the field. No take-offs or landings were made by courier aircraft as was occasionally observed in the past. for quite some time now no air activity has been observed at the field. The field seemed to be vacated and no sentries were seen.⁴

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1. Comment. It is doubted whether Mahlwinkel might be serviceable in its present status.

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2. Comment. No information has been received from any other sources indicating scheduled construction work at Perleberg airfield. Grading work had been done at the field as early as 1951. It is possible that there are plans for expansion and improvement work at the field. This is supported by the fact that, in the Perleberg area, there is still a gap in the Soviet's airfield network. Elements of the 18th Mech Div are quartered in the billeting area of the field. A radar station is located in the field area.

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3. Comment. Reinsdorf airfield has not been occupied by an air unit since August 1953.

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4. Comment. The headquarters of the Eighth Gds Army is stationed at Weimar-Nobra airfield.

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